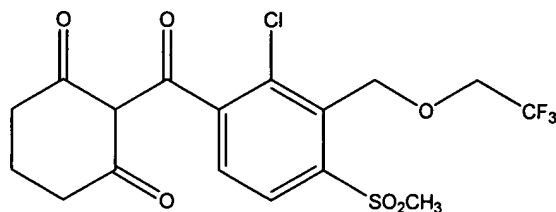


IN THE CLAIMS:

1-25. (Cancelled)

26. (New) The herbicidal composition comprising an effective amount of Compound A):

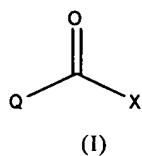


and

Compound B) nicosulfuron.

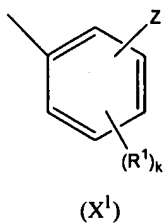
27. (New) A herbicidal composition, comprising an effective amount of

A) at least one compound of formula (I) and its agriculturally customary salts
(Component A)

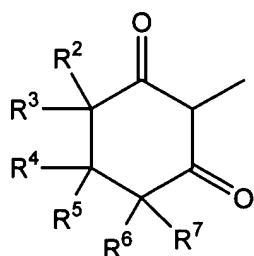


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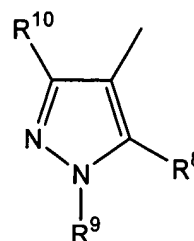
X is the radical X¹



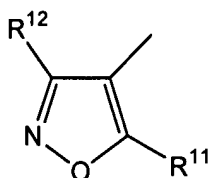
Q is a radical Q¹, Q² or Q³,



(Q¹)



(Q²)



(Q³)

Z is a radical Z¹, CH₂-Z¹ or Z²;

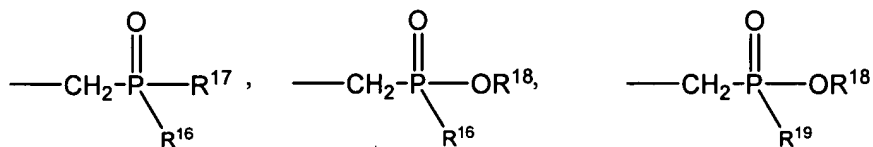
Z¹ is a five- to ten-membered monocyclic or bicyclic saturated, partially saturated, fully unsaturated or aromatic ring which is attached via carbon or nitrogen and which, in addition to carbon atoms, contains 1, 2, 3, or 4 heteroatoms from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and which is unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted by halogen, cyano, nitro, cyano-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, CO-R¹⁵, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)-alkylthio, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylthio, di-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl-amino, by phenyl which is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl or by an oxo group;

Z² is (C₃-C₁₂)-cycloalkyloxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, aryloxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heteroaryloxy-

(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heterocyclyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, aryl-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heteroaryl-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heterocycly-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, aryl-(C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylthio-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heteroaryl-(C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylthio-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heterocyclyl-(C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylthio-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylsulfinyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylsulfonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylsulfonyloxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylsulfonylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylcarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylcarbonyloxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkoxycarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylcarbonylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylaminocarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₄-C₁₂)-cycloalkyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₄-C₁₂)-cycloalkylthio-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₄-C₁₂)-cycloalkylsulfinyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₄-C₁₂)-cycloalkylsulfonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₄-C₁₂)-cycloalkylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₄-C₁₂)-cycloalkylsulfonyloxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₄-C₁₂)-cycloalkylsulfonylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₄-C₁₂)-cycloalkylcarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₄-C₁₂)-cycloalkylcarbonyloxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₄-C₁₂)-cycloalkoxycarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₄-C₁₂)-cycloalkylcarbonylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₄-C₁₂)-cycloalkylaminocarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, arylthio-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, arylsulfinyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, arylsulfonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, arylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, arylsulfonyloxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, arylsulfonylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, arylcarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, arylcarbonyloxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, aryloxycarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, arylcarbonylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, arylaminocarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl,

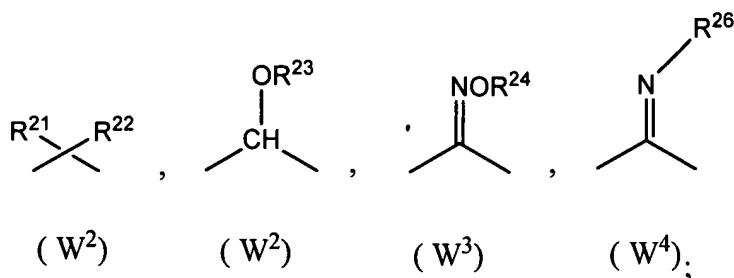
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alkyl, heterocyclyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkylcarbonylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heterocyclyl-(C₁-
C₄)-alkylaminocarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl,



or O-(CH₂)_p-O-(CH₂)_w-R²⁰;

W is one of the groups W¹, W², W³, or W⁴



Y is O or NR²⁶;

E together with the two carbon atoms to which it is attached is a phenyl ring or a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle which may be saturated, partially saturated, fully unsaturated or aromatic and contains 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, where the heterocycle contains not more than 2 sulfur or 2 oxygen atoms and the phenyl ring or heterocycle which contains the group E is unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted by (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkylthio, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkylthio, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkylaminosulfonyl, (C₂-C₁₂)-dialkylaminosulfonyl, NR²⁶R²⁷, (C₂-C₆)-alkoxyalkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkylcarbonyl, halogen, cyano, nitro or by pyridyl;

R¹ is halogen, cyano, nitro, (Y)_n-S(O)_q-R²⁸, (Y)_n-CO-R¹⁵ or is (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl or (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy which are substituted by v halogen atoms or k (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy groups;

- R^2 , R^3 , R^5 and R^7 independently of one another are hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl;
- R^4 is hydrogen, or is (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, tetrahydropyran-3-yl, tetrahydropyran-4-yl or tetrahydrothiopyran-3-yl which are substituted by k radicals from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkylthio and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy;
- R^6 is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl or CO₂R¹⁵, or
- R^4 and R^6 together form a bond or a three- to six-membered carbocyclic ring;
- R^8 is OR²⁹, thio, (C₁-C₆)-alkylthio, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkylthio, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl, halogen, NR²⁶R²⁷, phenylthio, phenylsulfonyl or phenylcarbonylmethylthio, where the three last-mentioned groups are substituted by k radicals from the group consisting of (C₁-C₃)-alkyl, halogen, cyano and nitro;
- R^9 is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, CH₂CH₂OR³⁰ or is phenyl or benzyl which are substituted in the phenyl ring by k radicals from the group consisting of (C₁-C₃)-alkyl, halogen, cyano and nitro;
- R^{10} is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro;
- R^{11} is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl or halo-(C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl;
- R^{12} is hydrogen, (C₂-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl, halo-(C₂-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl, S(O)_qR²⁸, CO₂H or cyano;
- R^{13} is (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl or is (C₃-C₆)-

cycloalkyl which is substituted by a radical (C₁-C₃)-alkyl;

R¹⁴ is cyano, (C₂-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkylcarbonyl, S(O)_q-R³⁰ or C(O)NR²⁶R²⁷;

R¹⁵ is (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl or NR²⁶R²⁷;

R¹⁶ and R¹⁷ independently of one another are (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, aryl or aryl-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl which are substituted by k radicals from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy and halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy;

R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ independently of one another are hydrogen or R¹⁶, or R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ together form a (C₂-C₅)-alkenyl chain;

R²⁰ is (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₂-C₈)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, halo-(C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkenyloxy, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyloxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₂-C₆)-alkynyloxy or halo-(C₂-C₆)-alkenyloxy;

R²¹ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, Z¹, O-Z¹, S-Z¹ or NR³⁰Z¹;

R²² is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl or (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl, or

R²¹, R²² together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a carbonyl group or an O-CH₂CH₂-O group which is substituted by 9 (C₁-C₃)-alkyl radicals, or R²¹ is hydrogen and R²² is Z¹;

R²³ and R²⁴ independently of one another are (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, halo-(C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, halo-(C₂-C₆)-alkynyl or Z¹;

R^{25} is Z^1 ;

R^{26} is hydrogen or (C_1-C_6) -alkyl;

R^{27} is hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl or (C_1-C_6) -alkoxy, or

R^{26} and R^{27} together form $(CH_2)_2$, $(CH_2)_3$, $(CH_2)_4$, $(CH_2)_5$, or $(CH_2)_2O(CH_2)_2$;

R^{28} is (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl or $NR^{26}R^{27}$;

R^{29} is hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkoxyalkyl, formyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkylcarbonyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkoxycarbonyl, $C(O)NR^{26}R^{27}$, (C_1-C_6) -alkylsulfonyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkylsulfonyl, or is phenyl, benzyl, benzoyl, $CH_2C(O)$ phenyl or phenylsulfonyl which are substituted in the phenyl ring by k radicals from the group consisting of (C_1-C_3) -alkyl, halogen, cyano and nitro;

R^{30} is (C_1-C_6) -alkyl or (C_1-C_6) -alkoxy;

a is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

b is 1 or 2;

k is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

l is 0, 1 or 2;

m is 0 or 1;

n is 0 or 1;

p is 1, 2 or 3;

q is 0, 1 or 2;

v is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

and

- B) at least one compound (component B) from one of the groups
- B-a) consisting of amidosulfuron, bentazone, bromoxynil, carfentrazone-ethyl, chlortoluron, clodinafop, cloransulam-methyl, diclofop-methyl, fenoxaprop-P-ethyl, florasulam, flufenacet, fluoroglyphen-ethyl, flupyr-sulfuron-methyl-sodium, iodosulfuron, isoproturon, metsulfuron, pendimethalin, pyraflufen-ethyl, sulfosulfuron, thifensulfuron, tralkoxydim, tribenuron, 2-amino-4-(1-fluoro-1-methylethyl)-6-(3-phenyl-1-cyclobutyl-1-propylamino)-1,3,5-triazine and N-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)-aminocarbonyl]-2-methoxy-carbonyl-5-methylsulfonylaminomethylbenzenesulfonamide;
- B-b) consisting of acetochlor, alachlor, atrazine, bromoxynil, carfentrazone-ethyl, dicamba, diflufenzopyr, dimethenamide, flufenacet, flumetsulam, fluthiacet-methyl, halosulfuron, imazamox, imazapyr, imazaquin, imazethapyr, iodosulfuron, metolachlor, metosulam, metribuzin, nicosulfuron, pethoxamide, pendimethalin, primisulfuron, prosulfuron, pyridate, rimsulfuron, thenylchlor, thifensulfuron-methyl, tritosulfuron and N-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)aminocarbonyl]-2-dimethylaminocarbonyl-5-formylaminobenzenesulfonamide;
- B-c) consisting of anilofos, azimsulfuron, benfuresate, bensulfuron, bentazone, benthicarb, bromobutide, bispyribac-sodium, butachlor, cinosulfuron, clomazone, cyclosulfamuron, ethoxysulfuron, esprocarb, imazosulfuron, KPP-314, pyribenzoxim, mefenacet, molinate, oxaziclomefone, OK9701, oxadiargyl, pretilachlor, propanil, pyrazosulfuron, quinclorac, thenylchlor, triclopyr and 1-(3-

chloro-4,5,6,7-tetrahydropyrazolo-[1,5-a]-pyrid-2-yl) 5-(methylpropargylamino)-
4-pyrazolylcarbonitrile; and

B-d) consisting of glufosinate, glyphosate, imazamox, imazapyr, imazaquin,
imazethapyr and sulfosate,

where this composition comprises the compounds of the formula (I) or their salts
(component A) and the compounds of groups B-a) to B-d) (component B) in a ratio by weight of
from 1:2000 to 2000:1.

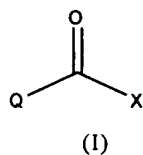
28. (New) The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 27, which comprises
glufosinate or glyphosate.

29. (New) The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 27, wherein the ratio by
weight A:B of the combined herbicides A) and B) is in the range from 1:20 to 50:1.

30. (New) The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 27, which comprises 0.1-
99% by weight of herbicides A) and B) and 99 to 0.1% by weight of formulation
auxiliaries which are customary in crop protection.

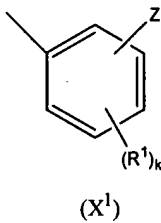
31. (New) A method for controlling undesirable vegetation, which comprises
applying one or more herbicides A) with one or more herbicides B) to the harmful plants,
to parts thereof or to the area under cultivation, where the combination of the herbicides
A) and B) is defined as in claim 27.

32. (New) The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 27, comprising an effective amount of at least one compound of formula (I) and its agriculturally customary salts (component A)

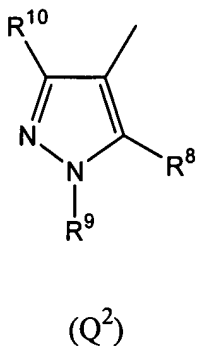


in which

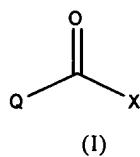
X is the radical X¹



Q is the radical Q²

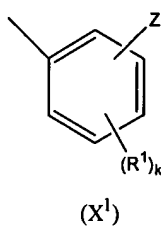


33. (New) The herbicidal composition according to claim 27, comprising an effective amount of at least one compound of formula (I) and its agriculturally customary salts (component A)



in which

X is the radical X¹



Q is a radical Q³,

